

~~Top Secret~~**GUYANA:****Hoyle Calls Elections**

President Hoyle's ruling party almost certainly will retain control following the national elections to be held on 9 December, and Hoyle may moderate some of Guyana's anti-US positions.

Despite recent electoral reforms intended to mollify opposition parties,

Hoyle has refused to permit foreign observers to scrutinize the voting.

Hoyle may soften the government's anti-Western stance after the elections.

some reduction of anti-US rhetoric in the local media recently.

Comment: Hoyle's decision to call elections before the March 1986 deadline probably reflects his desire to keep the initiative and to reinforce his position before making any policy or organizational changes. After the elections, Hoyle may

try to improve relations with the US. Any such moves are likely to be undertaken cautiously, however, to avoid causing a split between ruling party moderates and hardliners.

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